

Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Chris Lemos and I am a resident of Stratford. I am also a certified firearms instructor.

I am writing in opposition to HB6962.

The state and federal Constitution protects the use of firearms for self defense. The US Supreme Court has upheld that protection.

Simply put, were this bill to become law, it would render legally owned and constitutionally protected firearms useless for self defense in the home. We already have common-sense safe storage laws that prevent firearm access to children and prohibited persons and punish people who are careless storing them.
That is enough.

Passing this law would go too far, and would surely expose the state to numerous lengthy and expensive court battles that are almost guaranteed to end with this law being defeated.

Thank you for your service to the people of Connecticut, and thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

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